

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition comprising a detergent and a crosslinked product, wherein said crosslinked product is obtained by reacting a compound having 2 to 32 hydroxyl groups (hereinafter, referred to as component (a)) with a polyhydric alcohol polyglycidyl ether compound having at least two functional groups reacting with hydroxyl groups (hereinafter, referred to as component (b)), wherein the polyhydric alcohol group of component (b) is a compound represented by the formula (III):

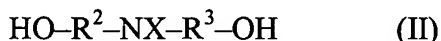


wherein R⁵ represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and n is a number of 1 to 30; glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 2 to 30; or sorbitol, and

wherein the component (a) is a compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein R¹ is a C2 to C3 alkylene group and m is a number of 1 to 30; a compound represented by the formula (II):



wherein R² and R³ independently represent a C2 to C3 alkylene group, X represents a hydrogen atom or a group represented by -R⁴-OH whereupon R⁴ represents a C2 to C3 alkylene group, and R², R³ and R⁴ may contain repeated oxyethylene groups and/or oxypropylene groups; glycerin; polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of 2 to 30; or sorbitol.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (a) is ~~triethanol amine~~ triethanolamine and the component (b) is a diglycidyl ether of either ethylene glycol or polyethylene glycol.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of releasing soil from clothes, comprising the step of: washing said clothes with the crosslinked product described in claim 1.